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ONTARIO HAS ITS FIRST EARTHQUAKE IN HISTORY

SHAKE LAST SATURDAY NIGHT BROUGHT RESIDENTS TO STREETS—BUILDINGS ROCKED AND PLASTER IN HOUSES CRACKED.

Unique Feature of Shock Was Manner in Which Chickens Were Frightened Out of Hen Houses—Many People Thought Thieves Were Abroad.

For the first time in history this part of the country was treated to a little shaking up by an earthquake near midnight last Saturday night. The clocks all over town stopped at 11:58. In 1873 an earthquake was felt in part of the coast country, and as far east as Baker.

A few of the people in the residence district were not awakened, but the majority were badly frightened. Men on Main Street at the time, claim all the buildings rocked and the strings of electric lights across the street rocked back and forth for a distance of several feet. So far as has been reported no serious damage was done. Plaster is cracked in a few buildings down town.

One of the unique features of the

earthquake was the belief by a great many afterwards that chicken thieves had been in their coops. Chickens are very sensitive to an earthquake and for many miles around here it was reported that chickens had been stolen, but the next morning they began to come in from the woods and fields, where they had been in hiding. Some were reported to have run in the dark as far as an eighth of a mile. About two o'clock one party came driving in from the Boulevard to inform the marshal that thieves were in their neighborhood. Many phone calls were sent broadcast over the country, supposedly from Baker, that a building had fallen here, and anxious inquiries from friends were received here by our people.

STANDING OF CANDIDATES IN ARGUS AUTOMOBILE CONTEST

Mrs. C. P. Weittenhiller, Ontario,	101,375
Miss Maud Walter, Ontario, R. F. D.,	95,225
Miss Florence Van Valkenburg, Ontario,	78,075
Miss Anna Anderson, Riverview,	5,125
Mrs. Corda M. Marquis, Ontario, R. F. D.,	75,125
Mrs. M. E. Bingham, Ontario,	49,725
Miss Bernice Mayson, New Plymouth,	5,000
Mrs. Dale Robertson, Parma, R. F. D. 3,	5,000
Mrs. A. H. McConnell, New Plymouth,	5,000
Mrs. W. R. Shimp, Payette,	6,225

The first standing, including the subscription votes of the contestants, printed above, shows some substantial gains by all the active candidates in the contest. Mrs. C. P. Weittenhiller takes first place today, closely followed by a number of other candidates. Any one of these may hold the coveted place next week. But being at the top the last night of the contest is what will count and any one of the workers in the contest still has plenty of time to reach that place before the contest is declared closed, two weeks from next Saturday night.

My! But the time is growing short for work. The contest is just barely getting started and the date for closing is upon us. All must put forth their utmost efforts between this and the close in order to secure all the business that may be had. No

candidate who expects to win will have any time to lose. The contestants are just now beginning to find that they can get subscriptions by going after them and all are working hard. The automobile arrived Wednesday, and is now on display at the Ford Garage.

All the prizes are here now, the Victrolas being on display at Hill's Pharmacy.

Territory Not Worked.
No territory in the country has been thoroughly worked. Just the high places have been touched and no candidate has done their best. Some may think that they have got in their hardest leeks but if they will keep on working they will find that they are mistaken. Even after the contest closes every candidate will find that they could have secured several hundred more votes

if they had gone after them. Never give up. Keep steadily working away and the end will take care of itself. Work is the thing that will count. No one expects the votes to come to them. They will have to be gone after. The time is growing shorter and shorter. Just two weeks after this is all that remains of the contest. The contest will close on the date announced in the beginning. If anyone is expecting an extension of time they will be disappointed. This contest will end on October 23, 1915.

Extra Votes.
Extra votes are given this week on clubs of \$15.00 old or renewal subscriptions. In order to get the advantage of the special voting offers it is not necessary to turn the subscriptions in in club amounts, amounts or a single subscription at a time. If they are reported a few at a time a strict account is kept with each candidate and when the total reaches an amount equivalent to the club the contestant is credited with the extra votes. If at the close of the offer there is anything not needed to finish out a club, it will be carried over and allowed to apply on the offer for the next week.

Bluffs vs. Confidence.
It is about time for old Dame Rumor to be getting busy. You may hear great stories about the great number of votes this or that candidate is securing this week or next week and conclude that the race is done. However the live candidates in this contest have had too much experience to be disturbed by any wild reports. No one will be made timorous by such reports. It is also well to remember that many an election has been lost by over confidence. If you are interested in winning the automobile just keep hammering away. Look not to the right or the left. Keep your own counsel and remember that it is the steady leek that count in anything. Keep your feet warm and your head cool. Make up your mind that you the candidates, to win in this contest, will be the ones to stick to the finish. October 23 is not far away and the contest will positively close on that date.

LODGE MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE HOME

The Odd Fellows met last Saturday evening. After the initiation work Dr. Pogue gave a short talk on his trip as a delegate to the Sovereign grand lodge. Dr. Pogue stated that all the delegates from the State of Oregon were appointed on good committees, his appointment being chairman of the Committee on foreign grand bodies not represented. A banquet followed the lodge work. Ten members of the Nyssa lodge were present.

PAYETTE FOOTBALL TEAM TO MEET LOCAL SQUAD

Game On Local Field Being Looked Forward To With Much Interest.

The Ontario high school foot ball team will play their second game Friday afternoon on the local fair grounds, with Payette, and to judge from the enthusiasm with which the local team is looking forward to the game, their spirits are not in the least crushed by their defeat at Weiser last Friday. The game with Payette tomorrow promises to be one of the best ever played on the local grounds and a large crowd will be there to enjoy it.

Fred Test is not in the line-up as quarter in the game tomorrow, his injury at Weiser last week keeping him out of the game.

WINS BIG PRIZE AT STATE FAIR

MISS MARIAM LOWE OF BIG BEND TAKES STATE PRIZE FOR INDUSTRIAL CLUB WORK AT THE STATE FAIR IN SALEM.

Is Given A Free Trip To the San Francisco Exposition In Addition To the Honor Of Leading State—Put Up Over 400 Quarts of Fruit.

First honors for industrial club work in the state has been awarded to Miss Mariam Lowe, the thirteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe of Owyhee. This young lady will receive as a prize, a free trip to the San Francisco fair, in addition to the honor of leading the state in this work.

Miss Lowe took up fruit canning in which to specialize, this being a branch of the industrial work. Her success is the outcome of efforts of

M. C. Maris of O. A. C. who last spring made a tour of this county, in company with Miss Fay Clark, county school superintendent, promoting industrial work in the schools.

Miss Lowe has canned over four hundred quarts of fruit this season for her family and for neighbors. She had on display about two dozen cans of fruit at the county fair here, and this display was taken to Salem, and won for her the prize there.

BIG COMPANY SELLS HAY.

O. M. Doubleday, sheep man, has bought all of the hay of the Eastern Oregon Land Company. Mr. Doubleday, with his foreman, Asa Williams, H. B. Logan and Paul Campbell measured all the hay this week, with the exception of the third cutting, and it totaled 1699 tons. The consideration of the deal was \$5.50 per ton.

FRUITLAND MAN IS INJURED IN A RUNAWAY TODAY

A runaway which might have resulted more seriously, occurred this evening on the Snake river bridge east of town. Mr. Moss of near Fruitland, who was driving a team of large roan horses was coming toward Ontario when he met a man on the bridge with a load of barrels. Mr. Moss's team became frightened, turning abruptly around on the bridge and running toward the other side. Mr. Moss was thrown out and his head cut and shoulder badly bruised. The team ran only a short distance when they broke the single trees out of the buggy, but ran nearly into Fruitland when they collided with a single rig being driven toward Fruitland.

ACCUSED GAMBLER IS TRIED HERE

At a trial here Tuesday, Bugge McDugan was given 30 days in jail for larceny of \$3.00 belonging to David Jones. This money was taken while Jones and a man by the name of Bracket were scuffling over a gambling game. Peter Brackett was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of gambling, bonds being fixed at \$150.00. Both these men were from Juntura and were brought down by Deputy A. A. Roberts. Judge McKnight was down Tuesday to hold an examination of the sanity of Sarah Robertson from near Owyhee. She was sent to the asylum at Pendleton.

MANY ATTEND THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

It is estimated that nearly four hundred Ontario people were in Weiser last Friday to attend the Harvest Festival there. Many went on the early morning "pony" and a special train left here at 1 o'clock and reached Weiser just in time for the stock parade. The remainder of the afternoon, until the foot ball game was called at 4 o'clock, was taken up with the tennis tournament and races in the street.

Plenty of amusement was furnished for the visitors and all came back well satisfied. This Harvest Festival was only thought of a few weeks ago and was financed by the merchants and business men of Weiser. It was held in one of the principal streets. It was such a success that it has been decided to continue it. The dance on the pavement in the evening was one of the best features of the entertainment. Ontario's band furnished the music. A few of the Ontario people went down on the evening train.

HORSE THIEVES ARE GIVEN TRIAL HERE—BOUND OVER

Wm. Ridings, Ralph Huff and Ray Motley were bound over to the grand jury at a hearing here Tuesday on a charge of the theft of two mares belonging to L. B. Huffman of Weiser. These horses were stolen a few days ago from near Old's Ferry and Huff and Motley were arrested at Parma a little later where they were trying to dispose of the horses. Ridings was apprehended in Boise. All three men are being held in jail, not being able to furnish the bonds required. Ridings bond was fixed at \$800, and the other two men at \$500 each.

District Attorney H. A. Griffith of

Caldwell assisted Prosecutor Brooke in the trial. Ridings was defended by G. W. Hays of Vale, and the other men had no attorneys.

Sheriff Barnes of Walla Walla was here Tuesday awaiting the action of the court, as these men were all wanted in Walla Walla, where they are charged with horse stealing. It is claimed they took two horses from the fair grounds there. These men are said to be members of an organized gang that have been operating through Oregon, Washington and Idaho the past few months. They are pretty clever at altering brands but with these arrests the gang may be broken up.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

A course in music, to be taught by Miss Wheeler, has been started in the high school. The class so far is composed only of girls, but arrangements are being made to have a class of boys, also. A half credit will be given for this work and it is hoped that by the end of the year, the musical talent of the high school will be greatly developed.

The second team of the high school received a challenge Tuesday, from the eighth grade foot ball team, for a game to be played Friday afternoon as a preliminary to the Ontario-Payette game.

E. E. Goudy returned Wednesday from a vacation spent with relatives at Centralia, Wash.

Mrs. E. E. Goudy returned Wednesday from a weeks visit at their farm.

Sheriff Ben Brown spent two days in Ontario this week.

Wm. McKenzie of Portland, general agent for the Eastern Oregon Land Co., was here the first of the week. He left Monday in company with Mr. Claggett.

THE CITY COUNCIL PASSES ORDINANCE

At the meeting of the city council last Monday evening several matters of importance were taken up. All were present with the exception of Mayor Trow and H. C. Boyer. E. A. Fraser acted as chairman. All saloon licenses were granted for another month. Ordinance 277 was passed this being an ordinance defining the procedure of the City in ordering property sold for delinquent sewer taxes, street improvements and other special assessments. This is

of vital importance to property owners.

The bid of the First National bank of 3% cents per annum, computed monthly, on city deposits was accepted and that bank designated as a city depository.

The council will hold an adjourned session in the near future to take up the deeding of the Ontario Cemetery by the Cemetery Association to the city, and to take final action in ordering certain city property sold for delinquent taxes.

TO FEED SHEEP BETWEEN NYSSA AND ONTARIO

Mr. Farmer, a well known sheep man has bought 2600 tons of hay from Mr. Gibson near Nyssa, and has made arrangements to feed 4,000 thoroughbred sheep at Gibson's place during the coming winter. In addition to this Mr. Farmer has purchased 250 tons of corn ensilage which will be put in pit silos. This will be the first time in this vicinity that corn ensilage has been fed to sheep, and if it proves satisfactory it is likely that it will soon be used extensively for this purpose.

POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED SATURDAY

The marriage of Miss Amy Odell and Guy L. Stingle was solemnized at the home of Robert Odell at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Rev. D. E. Baker performed the ceremony. Miss Odell is a popular Ontario girl and has a wide circle of friends here. She graduated from the local high school a few years ago, and since has taught school in this vicinity.

Mr. Stingle, who is also a graduate of the local high school is a prosperous farmer residing near Westfall. The couple left on the noon train for Boise, and after spending a few days there, will move to their future home near Westfall.

H. B. LOGAN TO ACCEPT POSITION IN BAKER CITY

Former Manager of Eastern Oregon Land Co., Goes To Baker.

Announcement was made this week of the resignation of H. B. Logan of the Eastern Oregon Land Company to take effect just as soon as his successor has been chosen. Recently the Belfour Guthrie Co. and the Eastern Oregon Land Co. have dissolved their interests and Mr. Logan will have charge of the Belfour Guthrie Co. interests at Baker.

Mr. Logan, with his family came here nearly a year ago and they have made a wide circle of friends who deeply regret their departure from Ontario.

F. B. HAMPTON IS RETURNED TO JAIL

F. B. Hampton, one of the prisoners who escaped from the county jail at Vale a few weeks ago, was apprehended at Coeur d'Alene and was brought back by Sheriff Brown Monday evening.

Hampton is held for three indictments, obtaining money under false pretenses, found by the grand jury at their last meeting. Three of the prisoners who escaped are already in the penitentiary, leaving only one at liberty now.

SYNOD AT WEISER.

The United Presbyterian Synod of the Columbia, was in session at Weiser Tuesday to Thursday of this week. Some of the leading men of the denomination were there as speakers, among them being Rev. J. H. White who is executive secretary of the Missionary and Efficiency Committee, and Rev. R. A. Hutchinson secretary of the Home Mission Board. Both gentlemen are from Pittsburg, Pa. Dr. Colvin pastor of the Congregational church at Nampa was also on the program. The local congregation was represented by Rev. Brown and I. J. Dickson.